



Docket No.: 49733-016

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Yoshihiko HIROTA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/263,805

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND COLOR  
IMAGE DETERMINATION METHOD THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action  
mailed July 5, 2002.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 4, 8, 10, 11, 13-16, 18-20, 22-28, 31, 34, 36-44, 52 and 56 as  
follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An image processing apparatus including:  
a brightness data extracting section for extracting brightness data from image information  
of each pixel;  
means for determining a reference value based on extracted brightness data;

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